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PUBLIC REACTION TO US DECISION INSTITUTE QUARANTINE CUBA MAY BE SAID TO BE GENERALLY ONE OF SURPRISE AND CLEAR RECOGNITION SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION ALTHOUGH NOT ALARM.

PREDICTABLY EMBASSY HAS BEEN RECEIVING LARGE NUMBER MAIL AND TELEGRAMS FROM COMMUNISTS AND COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANIZATIONS PROTESTING US ACTION AGAINST CUBA. QUANTITY APPEARS TO BE LARGER THAN THAT RECEIVED DURING FIRST PHASE BAY OF PIGS LANDING IN APRIL 1961. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISTURBANCES OR HARASSING ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST EMBASSY ALTHOUGH IN VIEW OF EXPERIENCE AT TIME OF BAY OF PIGS LANDING WHEN STUDENTS ATTEMPTED DEMONSTRATION THESE MAY POSSIBLY BE EXPECTED.

INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT, GENERAL CONSENSUS APPEARS TO BE CURRENT CRISIS HAS ENHANCED PROSPECTS SUPPORT DE GAULLE IN REFERENDUM ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OCT 28.

PEOPLE ARE CALM AND WAITING WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST AS TO WHAT WILL BE FATE OF SOVIET SHIPS NOW EN ROUTE CUBA.

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